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Electric Lighting

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Lighting for Human Needs





Visibility and task performance



30-50 footcandles in classrooms.

Exceptions include special areas like shop, art studio, etc.

10-20 footcandles in corridors, lobbies, locker rooms and many other space types.

40-50 footcandles in gyms and similar spaces.

Daylight levels can be up to 4 times the recommended electric levels as long as glare is controlled and electric lights are dimmed or turned off.



Mood and atmosphere.

Bright, well lighted and clean.

Color temperature 3500-4100K

Color rendering 80+

Illuminated surfaces





Visual comfort

General Recommendations

Illuminate Ceiling and Upper Walls

- Use indirect, semi-indirect, or direct/indirect lighting systems whenever possible.

Provide Glare Control

- Use of indirect, semi-indirect or direct/indirect lighting systems.
- Use better quality luminaires in other applications.
- Provide appropriate and easy-to-use daylighting controls.



Aesthetic judgment





Health, safety and well being

Health. The strongest relationship between light and human health are circadian rhythms which can be reinforced with daylighting.

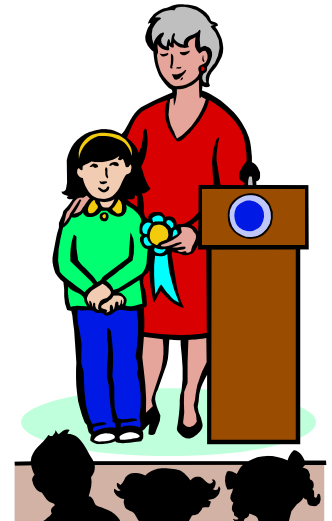
Safety. Meet IESNA recommendations indoors and out.

Well being. Make spaces feel more enjoyable and enable them to be used effectively.



Social communication

Design lighting to encourage appropriate social activity.





Challenge: Balancing Human Needs with Architecture





Challenge: Balancing Human Needs with Economics and the Environment

- This is where high performance lighting technology and techniques have the greatest impact.
- First cost issues tend to favor less efficient, less appealing and higher maintenance solutions.
- Life-cycle cost analysis tends to favor energy efficient, low maintenance solutions.
- Human needs tend to favor more expensive, more appealing solutions.



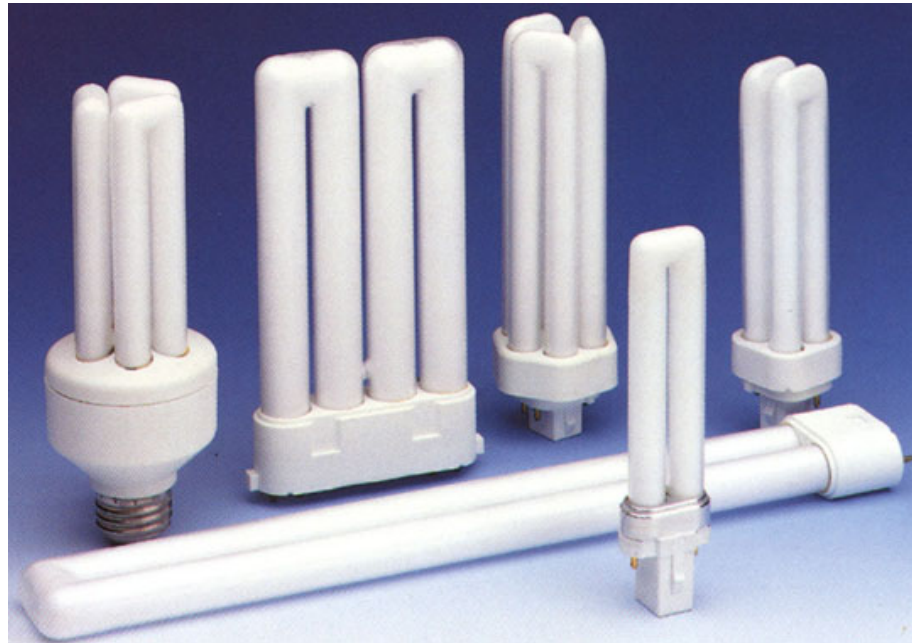
Environmental and Life-Cycle Cost Issues

- Largest Issue: Energy Efficiency
 - Lighting energy costs are among the largest utility costs of the school.
 - Modern designs can use 50% of the energy of 1980s and early 1990s designs.
- Lighting Maintenance
 - Modern lighting systems can require 50% less maintenance costs if chosen correctly.
- Lamp Disposal
 - Low Mercury lamps reduce environmental risk and liability.
- Better Exterior Lighting
 - Prevents light pollution and light trespass.



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Lighting Sources, Luminaires and Controls



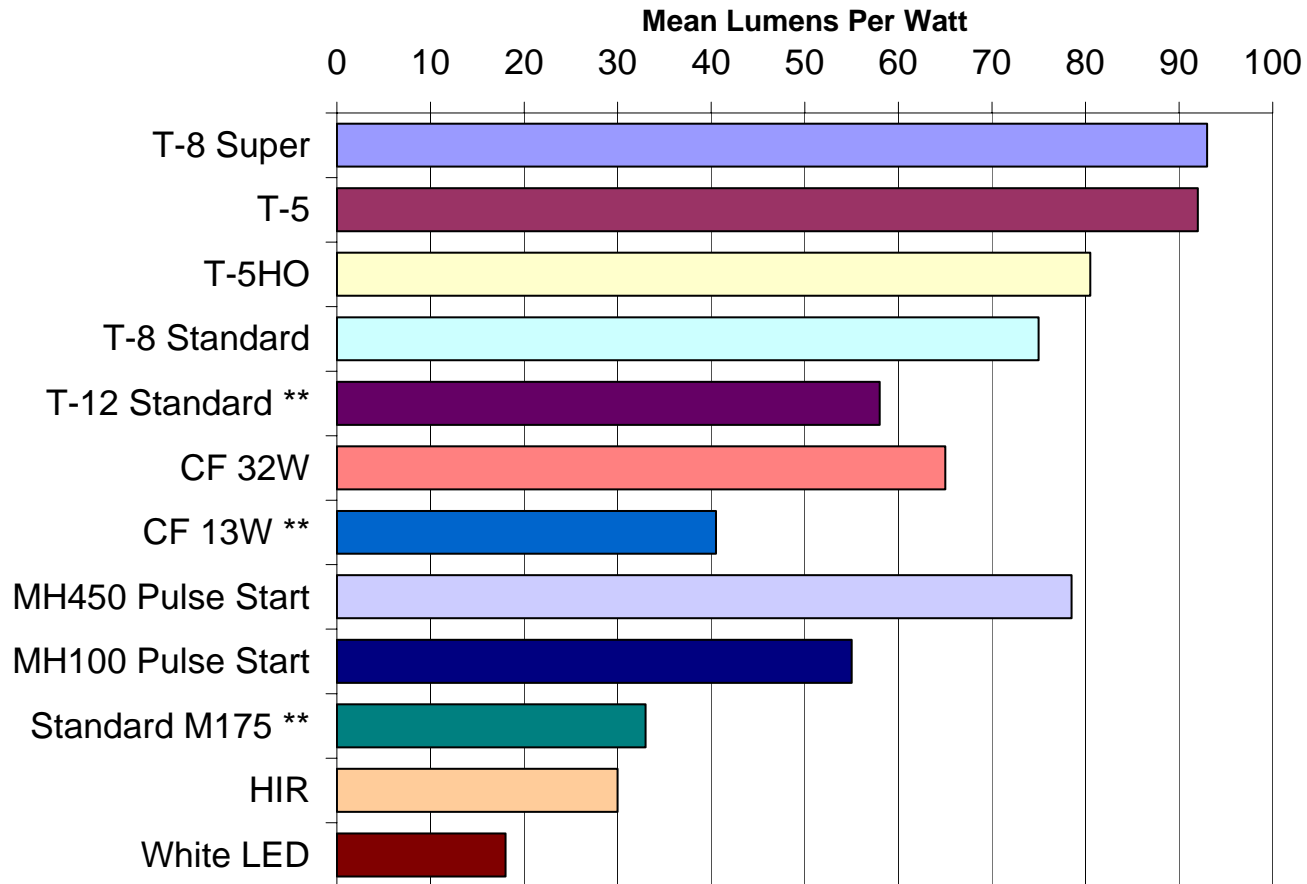


Select Proper Electric Light Sources

- Efficacy (lumens per watt)
 - The higher the efficacy the better.
- Color Temperature
 - Choose “white” light sources between 3000K (“warm”) and 4100K (“cool”). Consider 5000K (cold) for studios.
- Color Rendering Index
 - Measures light source quality.
 - Where color is important choose light sources with CRI > 80.
- Lamp Life
 - Choose lamps with the maximum life possible to minimize maintenance.
- System Costs
 - Choose systems that employ efficient lamps and ballasts.



Comparison of Lamp Efficacy



Electronic ballasts except where noted by **



For Primary Lighting Systems: Linear Fluorescent Lamps

- T-8 Second Generation or “Super” Lamps
 - 93 MLPW vs. 83 MLPW for ordinary T-8
 - 85+ CRI.
 - 30,000 hour lamp life on program start electronic ballasts.
- T-5 HO
 - 80 MLPW.
 - 83+CRI.
 - 20,000 hours life.



Secondary and Special Lighting Systems

- Compact fluorescent lamps
 - 10,000 hour lamp life.
 - 50-65 MLPW varies with wattage.
 - High CRI >80.
 - Color temperature 3000K- 4100K.
- Pulse start metal halide lamps
 - 50-90 MLPW varies with wattage.
 - 7,500 to 20,000 hour lamp life.
 - Standard lamps CRI 65-70.
 - Ceramic high color lamps CRI>90.
- Halogen IR are OK for limited use





Why Not High Pressure Sodium or Low Pressure Sodium Lamps?

- High pressure sodium lamps produce a pinkish yellow light.
 - Provides poor visibility for indoor tasks, including problems with focusing on small work.
 - Provides decreased peripheral vision and response time in outdoor lighting.
- Low pressure sodium lamps produce monochromatic yellow light.
 - CRI = -44
 - Only useful for security systems using a black and white camera or where there is no human activity





Light Source Applications

**General
(Indoor)**

**Special &
Utility
(Indoors)**

**Display &
Mood
(Indoors)**

**Outdoor
Lighting**

**Linear
Fluorescent**

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**Compact
Fluorescent**

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Metal Halide

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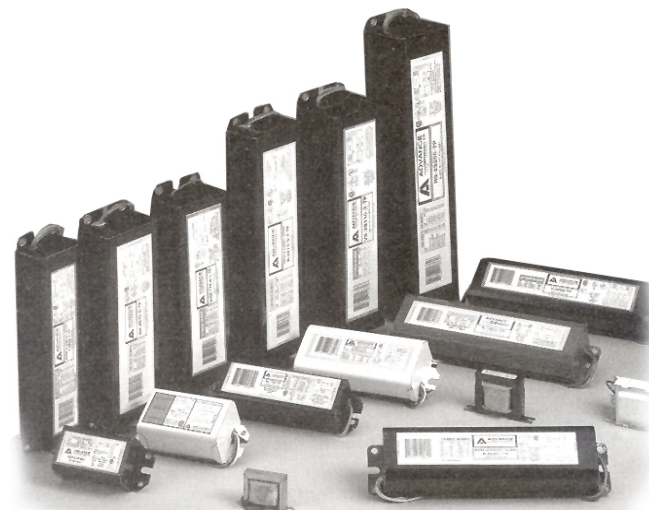
**HIR Tungsten
Halogen**

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About Ballasts

- Use electronic ballasts exclusively for fluorescent and compact fluorescent lamps.
 - Standard ballasts for many applications.
Note: use the latest “efficient electronic” ballasts
 - For T-8 lamps, investigate “low light output” and “high light output” ballasts to fine tune fixture watts to the minimum needed for a space.
 - Dimming ballast prices are falling and allow full daylighting integration.
 - Low temperature ballasts permit compact fluorescent lamp starting and operation at $<0^{\circ}$ °F.
- Use electronic ballasts for metal halide lamps up to 400 watts (and maybe higher).

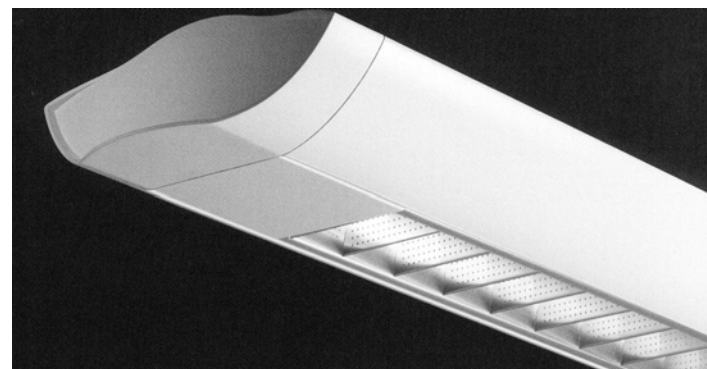
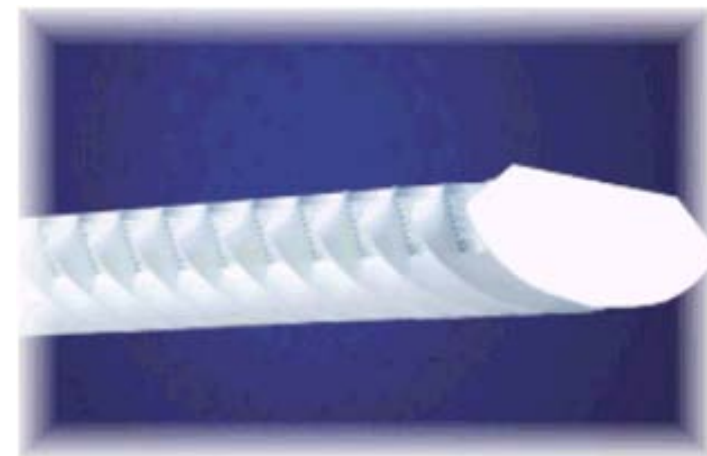
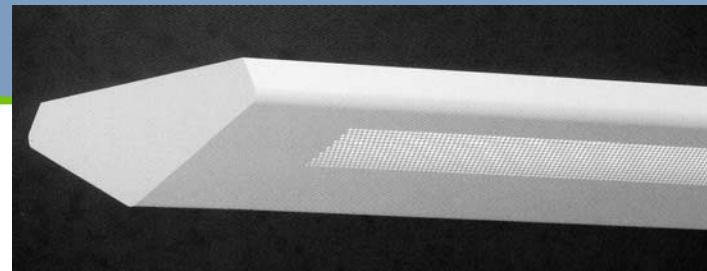




Suspended Luminaires

A wide range of choices for indirect and direct/indirect lighting.

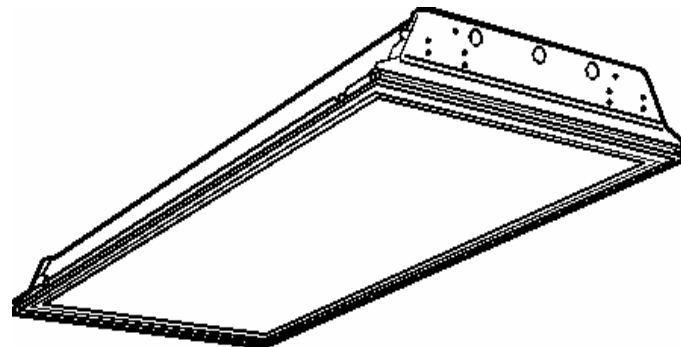
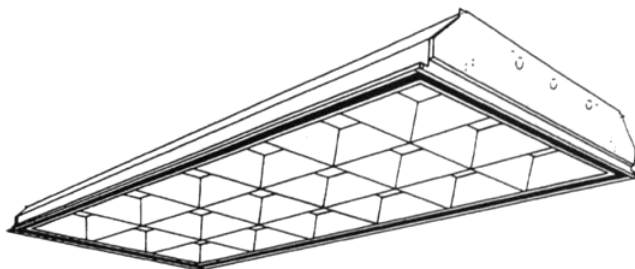
- Top: low-cost steel indirect luminaire with perforated chassis, excellent for inexpensive classroom lighting.
- Middle: low cost, T-8 direct/indirect luminaire with perforated side shield, 85% efficiency, designed for classic classrooms.
- Bottom: more costly direct/indirect luminaire, T-5HO lamps, for use in computer labs and other special spaces.





Recessed Luminaires

- Use recessed luminaires in conjunction with t-bar grid ceilings in many applications.





Recessed Luminaires

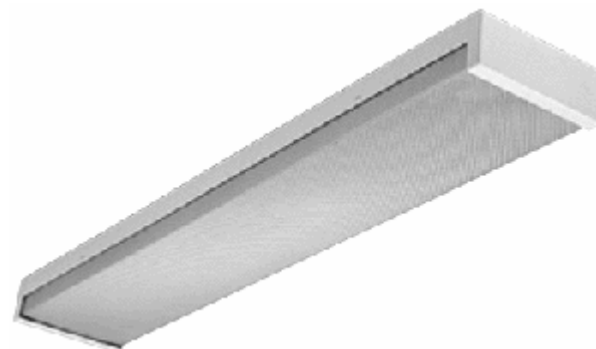
- Use recessed downlights both in t-bar grid ceilings and hard lid ceilings.





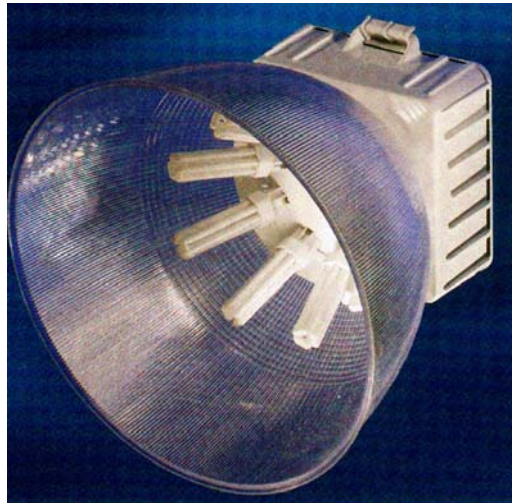
Surface-mounted Luminaires

- Choose T-8, T-5 or compact fluorescent luminaires for a number of occasional and utility applications.





Specialty Luminaires for Gyms and other Big Spaces

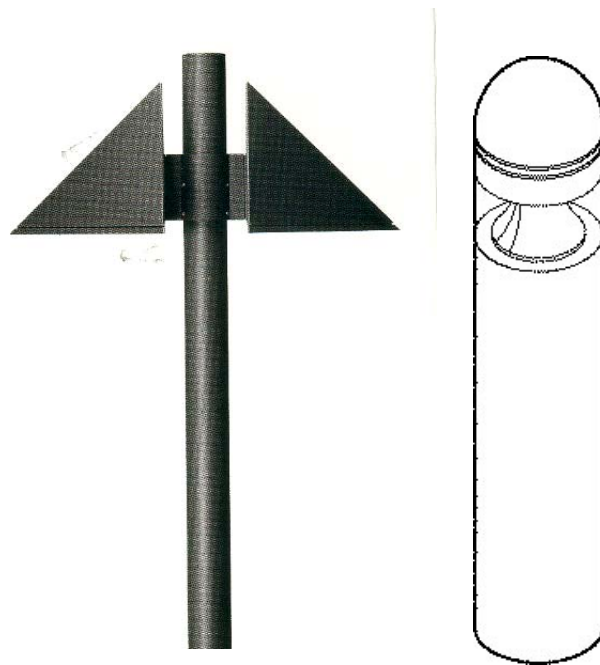
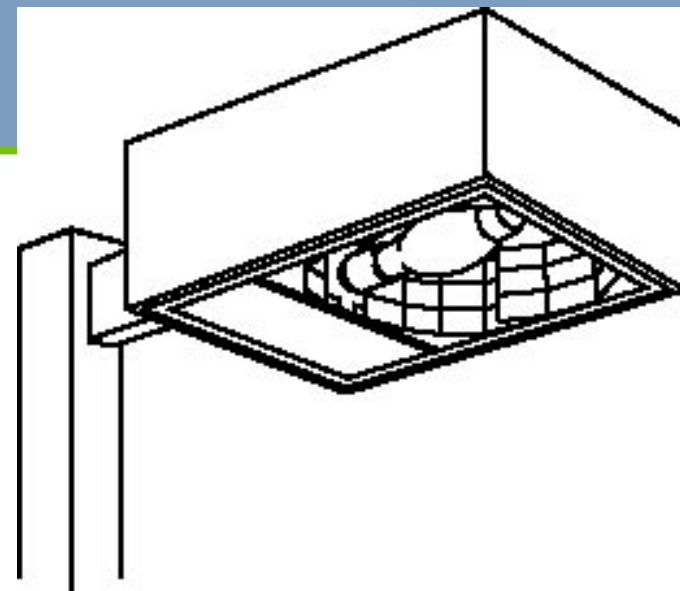




Outdoor Luminaires

Typically use a combination of:

- Parking lot lights, preferably “shoe box” pole lights to control light trespass and light pollution.
- Architectural pole lights for drives and entries.
- Bollards for near buildings and plazas.
- Special sports lighting for high schools and above.





Exit Signs

- Unless otherwise required by code use LED exit signs.
- Red or green depending on local authorities.
- Use very low power making them especially easy to equip with their own backup battery.
- Remember, LED exit signs don't have a downlight egress light - you will need to provide that.





Rules-of-Thumb for Controls

- Design control circuits PARALLEL to the daylight contours.
- Provide a minimum of three levels of illumination.
 - Dimming only for high end projects.
- Allow user over-ride of automatic controls.

Dawson Lower School





Lighting Controls Basic Principles

- Turn off lights when spaces are not in use.
- Turn off lights when there is adequate daylight.
- Dim lights if daylight levels vary.
- Dim lights according to need.

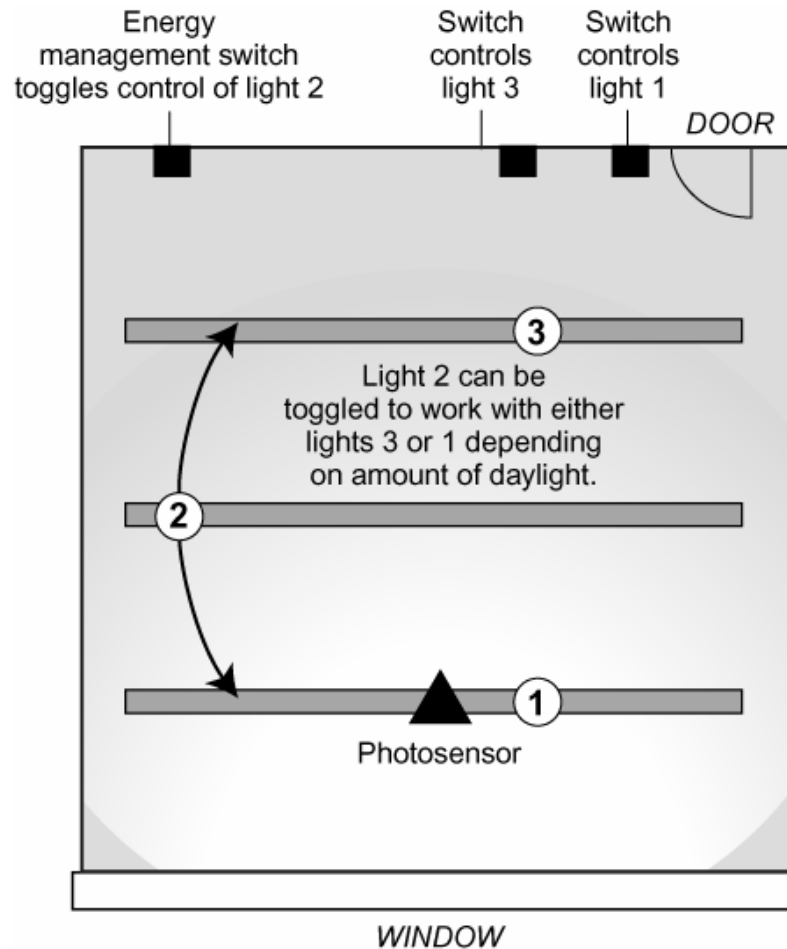


Integration with Daylight

- Ensure harvesting of available daylighting.
 - Use daylighting controls.
 - Study spaces to determine appropriate daylight amounts.
- Provide daylight glare management.
 - Determine direct solar glare situations.
 - Design manual or automatic blinds or other means of reducing the direct solar exposure glare and excessive light levels and heat gain.



Simple Classroom Controls





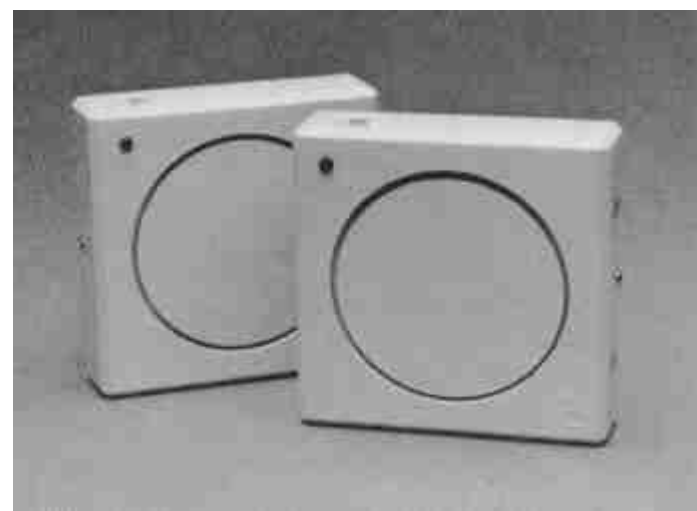
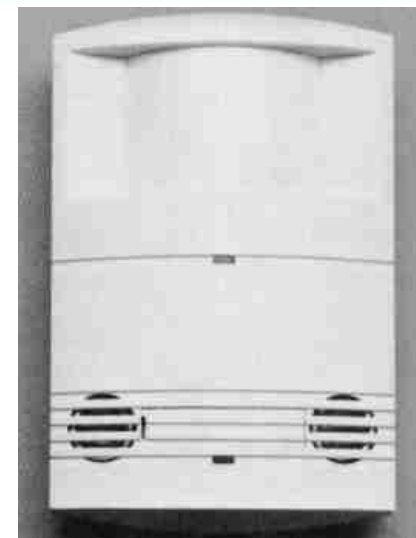
Design Principles: Lighting Controls

- Switches
 - A minimum requirement - often used to override a motion sensor or time of day controller.
- Occupancy (Motion) Sensors
 - Can be used in most interior spaces.
 - Might be used for exterior security lighting.
- Time Controls
 - Used where predictable scheduling is possible.
- Manual Dimmers
 - For A/V spaces and other rooms where manual adjustments make sense.
- Photoelectric controls
 - Dimming, switching lights on/off in response to daylight.



Occupancy (Motion) Sensors

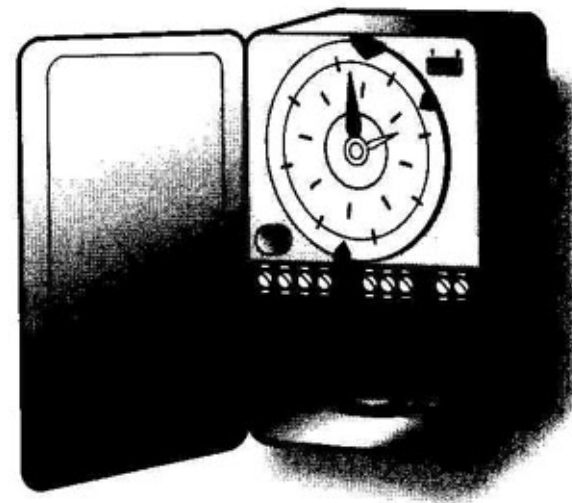
- Types
 - Passive Infrared (PIR.)
 - Active Ultrasound.
 - Dual Technology (PIR+Ultrasound or PIR+Audible Sound).
- Applications
 - Private offices.
 - Classrooms.
 - Conference Rooms.
 - Toilet and Locker Rooms.
 - Storage areas (on-off and high-low).
 - Halls and Lobbies (off-hour override).





Time Controls

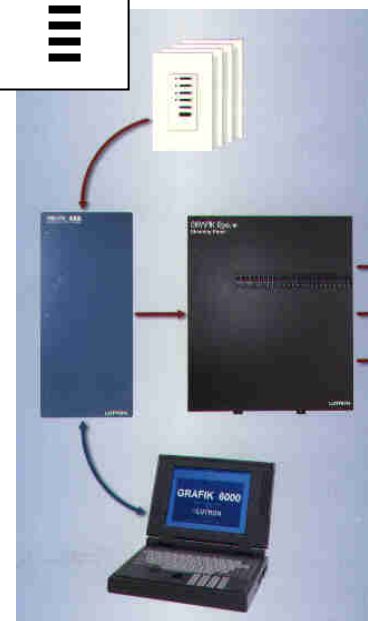
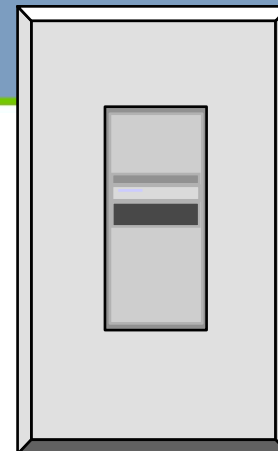
- Timer Switches
 - Mechanical or Electronic Time Out.
- Time Clocks
 - Mechanical or Electronic Time Trips.
- Lighting Relay Panels
 - For automatic time controls of large and/or complex facilities, especially schools.
- Building Energy Management Systems and Building Automation Systems
 - Integrate lighting relay panel operation with HVAC and other building systems.





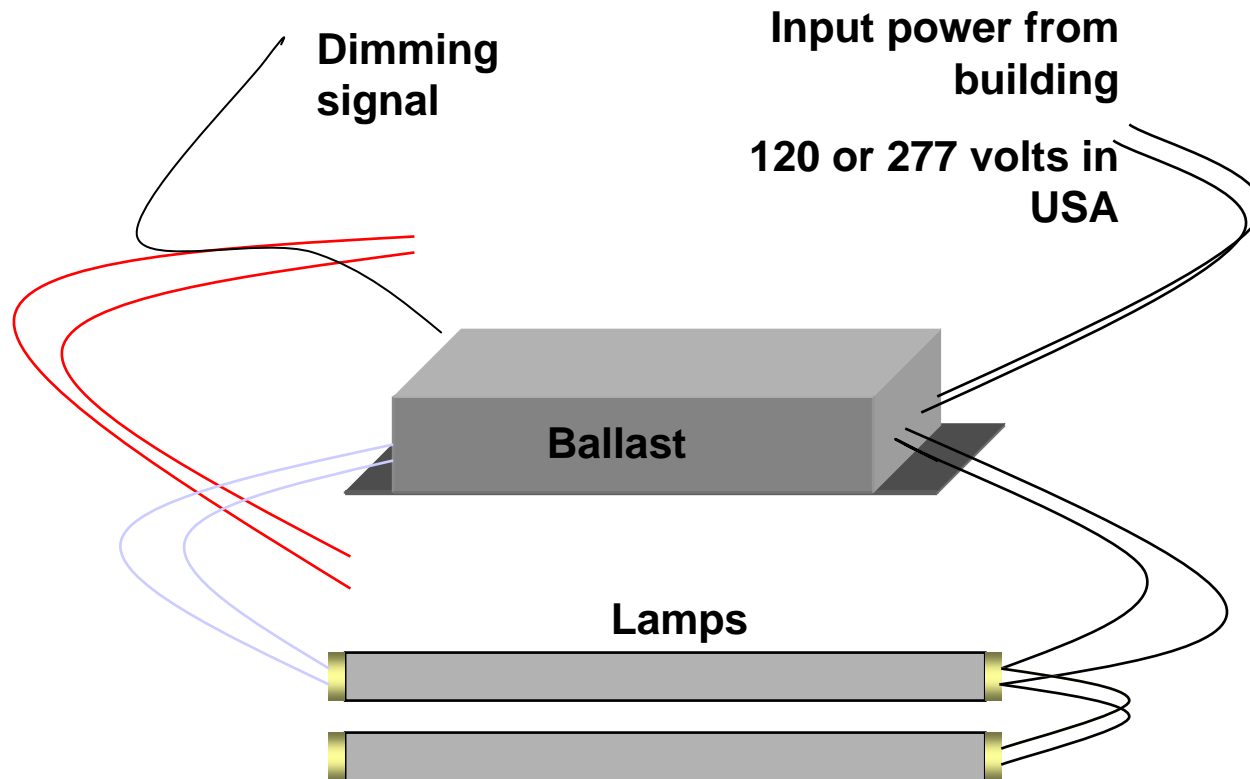
Dimmers

- Manual Dimmers
 - For single rooms and single circuits.
- Preset Dimmers
 - For A/V spaces and social spaces.
- Dimming Systems
 - For managing large facilities and integrated systems.





Dimming Ballasts for Fluorescent Lamps



In modern electronic ballasts, dimming occurs INSIDE the ballast.



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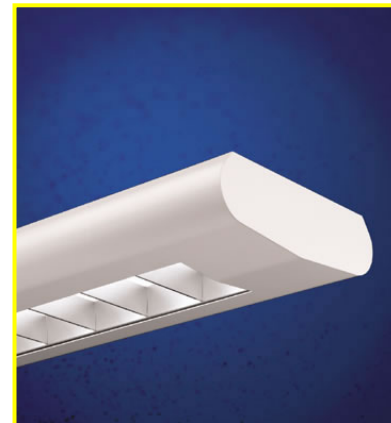
Lighting Strategies and Design Tools





Pendant Mounted Lighting

- If ceilings > 9'-6", use suspended fluorescent lighting:



Semi-indirect or
indirect distribution



> 85% luminaire efficiency, T-8 super or T-5HO,
electronic ballasts.
(Connected lighting power = 0.9 to 1.1 W/sf)

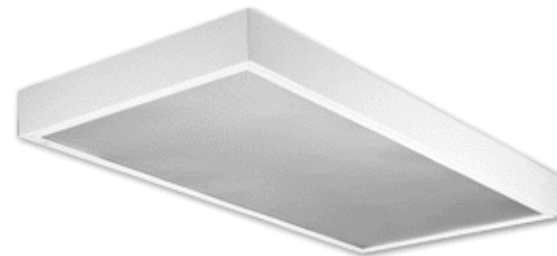
Direct/indirect
distribution



75% luminaire efficiency, T-8 "super", electronic
ballasts.
(Connected lighting power = 0.9 to 1.1 W/sf)



Surface Mounted Lighting

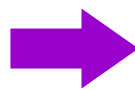


Short stem-mounted
semi-direct fluorescent
luminaires



> 65% efficiency, super T-8 system.
(Connected lighting power = 1.0 to 1.1 W/sf).

Surface-mounted
fluorescent lens troffers



> 78% efficiency, super T-8 system.
(Connected lighting power = 0.9 to 1.1 W/sf).

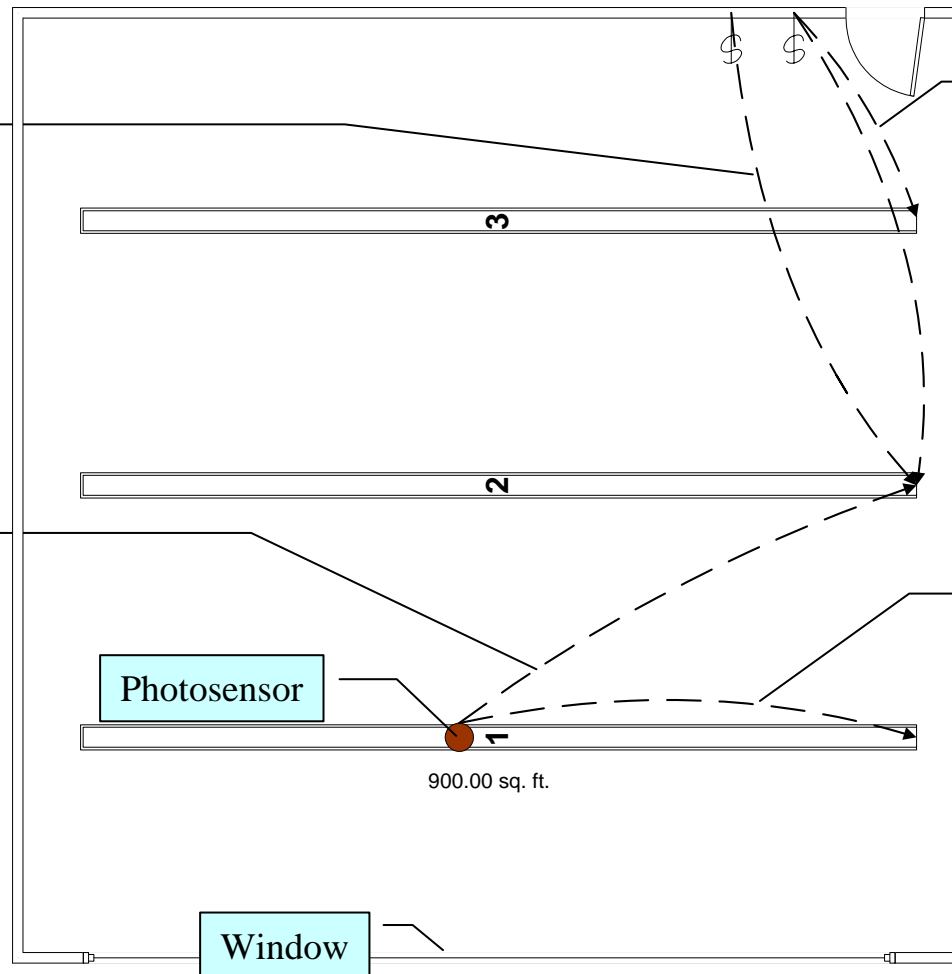


Simple Classroom Controls

Override switch
for Row 2 if it
is under photosensor
control.

The photosensor dims
Row 2 if the row is
within 2 X the window
height from the
window

Eg. For a window
height of 8', the
photosensor should dim
all luminaires within
16' of the window.



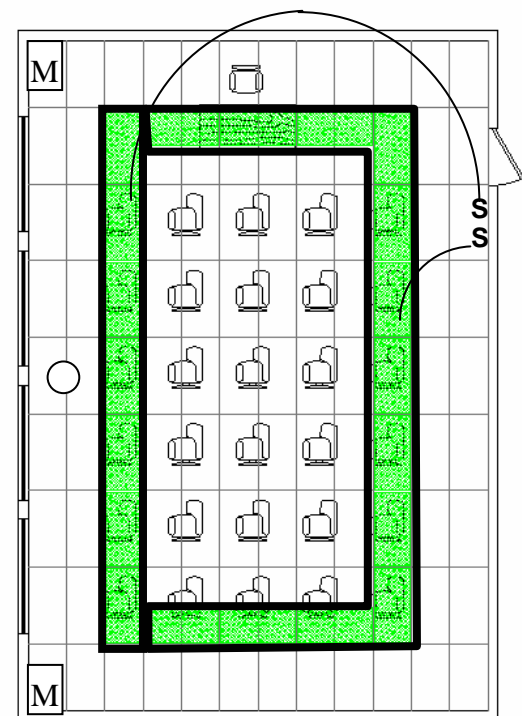
Switch controls
Row 3 (and Row 2 if
2 is not under
photosensor control)

Photosensor
dims Row 1



Classrooms Lighting Controls

- Motion sensing with manual override.
- Separate switches for lights near a side window and for lights near an interior wall.
- Automatic daylight dimming is an option.





Gym Lighting

- Consider current alternatives for gym lighting:
 - T-5HO and T-8 "High-Bay" gym lights.
 - High performance metal halide industrial style lights.
 - Compact fluorescents.
 - Use wire-guards and safety chains where necessary
 - Investigate quartz re-strike options and dual level switching





Corridor Lighting

- Recessed fluorescent luminaires
 - Protect lamp and create relatively high angle light.
- Surface mounted corridor “wrap around” fluorescent luminaires
- T-5 or T-8 lamps and electronic ballasts.
- Try to avoid luminaires which appear overly “institutional”.
- Align luminaires parallel to corridor walls
- Outdoor corridors and corridors with plentiful daylight should use automatic daylight switching or dimming.
- Emergency lighting may be necessary.



Hanover High, T5
indirect in corridors



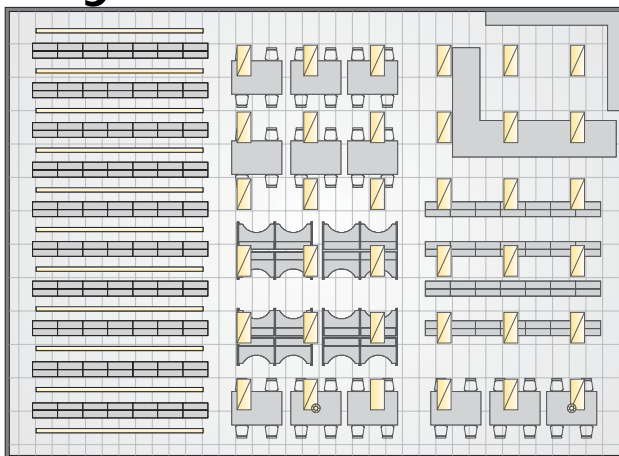
Multi-Purpose Room



- Consider various functions/social uses of multipurpose spaces.
- A general lighting system
 - 20-30 fc of uniform illumination with standard T-8 lamps.
- A dimmable “house lighting” system for AV and social events
 - No more than 5 fc.



Library or Media Center



Reading/circulation/seating: 20-50 fc using T-8 or T-5 lamps

Circulation desks, etc.: Overhead task lighting

Carrels: Task lighting with CFL or T-8 lamps

Fixed stacks: Stack lights using T-8 or T-5 lamps

High density stacks: General overhead lighting



Locker and Toilet Rooms

Over mirrors/vanities: Rough service grade fluorescent wall-mounted lights.

Over stalls/lockers: Recessed or surface-mounted rough service fluorescent lights.

Showers: Ceiling-mounted, watertight, rough service grade fluorescent lights.





Outdoor Lighting

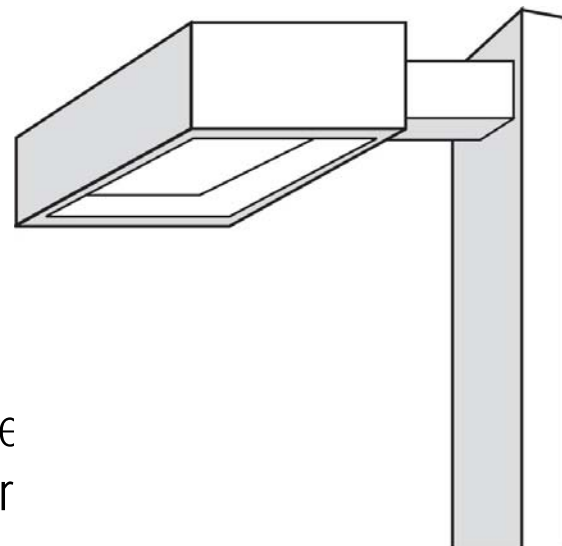
At every door: Canopy or wall-mounted lights to illuminate the general area.

Parking lots: Pole mounted lights to illuminate the lot and surrounding walks and other

Driveways: Pole mounted lights for the drive and associated sidewalks.

Walkways: Walkway lighting systems such as pedestrian light poles or bollards.

Everything Else: Other lighting as called for by the site, local requirements, etc.





Analysis Tools

- Lighting Calculation and Illustration Programs.
- Tools to enable better lighting design results.
- Permit exacting calculations.
- Help execute challenging designs.
- Understand natural lighting effects.
- Understand electric/natural lighting interaction.
- Help visualize results.



Lighting program types

- Radiosity
 - Acceptably accurate.
 - Fast execution.
 - Simple renderings.
- Ray-tracing
 - Can be very accurate.
 - Slow input and slow execution.
 - Potential for photorealistic renderings.





Physical Models

- Build models
 - Daylight scales perfectly !
- Observe good and bad daylighting
 - Figure out how balanced light was achieved
- Take advantage of help:
 - Utility technical assistance.
 - Add a daylighting expert to your design team.



Photo Heschong Mahone Group



Electric Lighting - Summary

- Integrate Electric and Daylighting Design Strategies
- Use appropriate Electric Lighting for the Activity and Space
- Use Flexible Controls
- Leverage modeling tools in the design process

